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- (54) Metal barrier film production apparatus, metal barrier film production method, metal film production method, and metal film production apparatus
- (57) A metal film production apparatus, comprising: a chamber accommodating a substrate having a barrier metal film of a metal nitride formed thereon; diluent gas supply means for supplying a diluent gas to an interior of the chamber above a surface of the substrate; surface treatment plasma generation means which converts an atmosphere within the chamber into a plasma to generate a diluent gas plasma so that the barrier metal film on the surface of the substrate is etched with the diluent gas plasma to flatten the barrier metal film; a metallic etched member provided in the chamber; source gas supply means for supplying a source gas containing a

halogen to an interior of the chamber between the substrate and the etched member; plasma generation means which converts the source gas containing the halogen into a plasma to generate a source gas plasma so that the etched member is etched with the source gas plasma to form a precursor from a metal component contained in the etched member and the source gas; and control means which makes a temperature of the substrate lower than a temperature of the etched member to form the metal component of the precursor as a film on the flattened barrier metal film.

FIG. 34

